



Notice of Public Hearing

Proposed parking facility and visitor kiosk at Fort Phantom Hill State Historical Site

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a Public Hearing on July, 19, 2011. The hearing will be held at the Jones County Courthouse located at 1200 Commercial Ave. in Anson, Jones County, Texas. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the social, economic, and environmental effects and present the proposed construction of a public parking facility with visitor kiosk on the Fort Phantom Hill State Historical Site. Beginning at 5:00 PM exhibits and maps of the proposed construction will be on display at the courthouse. Registration for the hearing will open at 5:00 PM and the hearing will begin at 6:00 PM. The public is invited to view the exhibits beginning at 5:00 PM. Members of the TxDOT Abilene District staff will be available from 5:00 PM until the beginning of the hearing to answer questions and take comments. There will be an opportunity at the conclusion of the proposed project presentation for the public to comment either orally or in writing. Comment will also be accepted for ten days after the date of the hearing.

The proposed project would consist of construction of a base material and asphalt all weather parking facility accessible from Farm to Market Road (FM) 600 by two driveways constructed under the same contract. The parking facility would be marked as required to facilitate handicap vehicles as well as non handicap vehicles. Also included in the proposed construction within the limits of the parking facility is an information kiosk with public restrooms. The parking facility and kiosk would be located on the Fort Phantom Hill State Historical Site. The only construction outside the limits of the historical site would be two driveways connecting the parking facility with FM 600 located within the existing FM 600 right-of-way. The proposed parking facility and kiosk would be constructed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) listed, Fort Phantom Hill State Historical Site. A Section 4(f) evaluation detailing potential impacts to the NRHP site has been completed. A finding of de minimis impacts has been approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). There would be no displacement of residents of businesses due to the proposed construction. The proposed construction site would not intersect any mapped floodplains. The proposed project design would not increase the base flood elevation to a level that would violate applicable floodplain regulations and ordinances. The current estimated total project cost is \$694,800.00. Schematic layouts showing the location and design for the proposed project, the environmental assessment, the tentative construction schedule and other related information would be available for inspection and copying at the Abilene Area Office located at 1350 N. Arnold Blvd. in Abilene and the Abilene District Office located at 4250 N. Clack in Abilene. Citizens not able to attend the hearing may view the information and comment prior to the hearing date and for ten days after the date of the hearing at either of the two locations.

If there are any questions concerning the hearing location and time please contact Mr. Alan Hufstutler, P.E., Abilene Area Engineer at (325) 690-9821.



All interested citizens are invited and encouraged to attend the public hearing. The courthouse is handicap accessible. Anyone wishing to attend the hearing with special needs please contact Ms. Mary Beth Kilgore at (325) 676-6806 at least five days prior to the hearing date.